

U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE LEADERSHIP



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Damle assists the General Counsel on the full range of legal issues before the Office, including litigation, policy studies, and regulatory proceedings. He also helps provide legal advice and assistance to the various components of the USCO, the U.S. Department of Justice, and other federal agencies.

Damle joined the USCO in 2014 after several years of government service. From 2013 to 2014, he was Senior Counsel in the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Before that, Damle was an appellate litigator in the Department of Justice's Civil Division, where he served as lead counsel in over 40 appeals, with a focus on intellectual property, separation of powers, and administrative law matters. Damle began his legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable Sandra L. Lynch of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

ABOUT THE USCO

The U.S. Copyright Office, and the position of Register of Copyrights, were created by Congress in 1897 as a separate department of the Library of Congress. Today, the employees of the Office examine and process more than a half a million claims to copyright registration, and record thousands of documents related to registrations on file in the Office's extensive catalogue. The Office also has critical law and policy functions prescribed to it by the Congress, including: domestic and international policy analyses; legislative support; litigation activities, support for the courts and executive branch agencies (including significant effort on trade and antipiracy initiatives); participation on U.S. delegations in meetings with foreign governments or private parties; hosting copyright training for officials from developing countries; and providing public information and educational outreach.